

# MEETING OF THE NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 08, 2023 ♦ 6:30PM – 10:30PM

Hybrid meeting: JFK Middle School, 100 Bridge Rd., Florence, MA 01062

& online Zoom meeting

## AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker's [Emergency Order](#) Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, the June 8, 2023 meeting of the Northampton School Committee will be held using remote participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY DURING THE ZOOM MEETING FOR THE JUNE 8, 2023 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. WRITTEN TESTIMONY IS ALSO ENCOURAGED FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY/COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLERK AT: [anniethompson@northampton-k12.us](mailto:anniethompson@northampton-k12.us) UNTIL 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THAT MEETING.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING WEBSITE: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81306997021>

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THEN YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO ENTER A PARTICIPANT NUMBER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PARTICIPANT NUMBER, ENTER # PLEASE WAIT TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR THE CHAIR WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ORDER OF THEIR CALL

### Agenda

- I. 6:30PM Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded
- II. 6:35PM Roll Call
- III. 6:40PM: 2023 Retirements Ceremony
- IV. 7:00PM: Student Representative Report Evelyn Smith
- V. 7:10PM Public Comment Period
- VI. 7:30PM Announcements
- VII. 7:35PM Recommended Actions – (VOTE by Consent Agenda)
  - A. Meeting minutes for approval
    - [Revisions of previously approved 2018 – 2021 School Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
    - School Committee Meeting, May 11, 2023
  - B. Donations:
    - Broadside Bookshop, \$2,500 from a customer to donate books to the NHS Library.

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The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra	Member Gwen Agna	Member Aline Davis	Member Meg Robbins
Member Holly Ghazey	Member Emily Serafy-Cox	Member Michael Stein	Member Dina Levi
	Member Margaret Miller	Member Kaia Goleman	

**VIII. 7:45PM Reports and Recommendations**

(Subcommittees, administrators, special groups, liaisons, etc.)

**A. Rules & Policy:**

Holly Ghazey

▪ **First Reading:**

- [Norms and Standards of the Northampton School Committee](#)
- [Standards of the Northampton School Committee 2021](#)
- [Norms Draft 2023](#)

▪ **Second Reading and VOTE:**

- [BEDB \(Agenda\)](#)
- [KDB \(Public's Right to Know\)](#)
- [JICA Student Dress Code](#)

**B. Superintendent Evaluation** (no report expected)

Dina Levi

**C. Budget & Property Subcommittee**

Kaia Goleman

- **Presentation and Discussion:** Organic grounds maintenance

**D. Curriculum Subcommittee**

Meg Robbins

**E. Ad Hoc Exit Interview Subcommittee**

Lina Patel

- **Exit Interview Process**
- **VOTE:** to fund the Exit Interview Consultant

**F. Central Office Liason**

Margaret Miller

**G. Business Administrator Financial Report**

Bobbie Jones

- May 9 2023 Bill Warrant
- May 9 2023 Bill Warrant 2
- YTD FY23 Budget Report May
- Business Administrator Report June
- Bill Warrant 5.23.23 Part I
- Bill Warrant 5.23.23 Part II

**H. Superintendent's Report**

Jannell Pearson- Campbell

**IX. 8:45PM New Business**

**A. VOTE:** To approve NEF Small Grants

Jennnifer Sanders James and Sam Hopper

**B. VOTE:** To approve the NEF Endowment Grants

Josh Bedell

**C. Presentation and Discussion:** Grading practices at the high school

Bill Wehrli

**D. Professional Development plans for the high school**

Bill Wehrli

**E. Discussion:** Final Budget by Control Center

Bobbie Jones

**F. VOTE:** to approve School Committee Norms

Emily Serafy-Cox

**G. VOTE:** to refer JRA to the Rules & Policy Subcommittee

Holly Ghazey

**H. VOTE:** to approve the Resolution in Support of the Thrive Act

Emily Serafy-Cox

**I. Update:** Retreat with Dr. Bonner and ALT for strategic planning and review of the Green River Report

Gwen Agna

**X. 9:45PM School Committee discussion topics**

**XI. 9:50PM Future Business and Meeting Dates**

- Budget & Property Subcommittee, 4:30PM, Monday, June 12, 2023
- Rules & Policy Subcommittee, 4:00PM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023
- School Committee Meeting, 6:30PM, Thursday, August 10, 2023
- Budget & Property Subcommittee, 4:00PM, Monday, August 14, 2023
- Rules & Policy Subcommittee, 4:00PM, Wednesday, August 16, 2023

**XII. 9:55PM: Executive Session:** Request to Enter Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Open Meeting Chapter 30A Sec.21(a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in

preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and the chair so declares

**XIII. 10:30PM Adjourn**